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Conference on Afghanistan

Tuesday 1st of April 2008

Venue: Danish Parliament, Copenhagen

Programme

08.00 - 08.30 Registration of participants

Plenary Session 1

- 08.30 - 08.40 Welcoming address
- Ms. Gitte Lillelund Bech, MP and Chairman of the Danish Parliament's Foreign Policy Committee
- 08.40 - 09.00 Opening remarks: The Danish engagement in Afghanistan
- Dr. Per Stig Møller, Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 09.00 - 09.30 Keynote presentation: Progress and remaining challenges to development in Afghanistan - an Afghan perspective
- Mr. Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Minister of Education, Afghanistan
- 09.30 - 10.00 Keynote presentation: The need for a multi-stranded approach to stabilisation and development, including a perspective on the role of the opium economy
- International researcher or journalist
- 10.00 - 10.30 Questions and comments
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee and tea

Thematic Sessions

Conference breaks into two simultaneous thematic sessions

Thematic Session I: Security and Stability

- 11.00 - 11.10 Presentation: Combating terror and counter insurgency
- High level representative from the British Army
- 11.10 - 11.20 Presentation: The role of NATO and the Afghan National Army
- Mr. Peter Viggo Jakobsen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen
- 11.20 - 12.00 Debate
- Participation: Mr. Søren Gade, Minister of Defence
Chair: Mr. Hans Christian Thoning, MP and Chairman of the Danish Parliament's Defence Committee

Thematic Session II: Development and donor coordination

- 11.00 - 11.10 Presentation: The international community and the Afghan National Development Strategy - where are we heading and what is the role of UN, ISAF, and international donors?
- Mr. Christopher Alexander, Deputy Special Representative for the Secretary General, UNAMA
- 11.10 - 11.20 Presentation: How to secure local commitment?
- Mr. Thomas Thomsen, Senior Policy Adviser, Board member of DACAAR
- 11.20 - 12.00 Debate
- Participation: Mr. Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Minister of Education, Afghanistan and Ms. Ulla Tørnæs, Minister for Development Cooperation
Chair: Ms. Gitte Seeberg, MP and Chairman of the Danish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee

Plenary Session 2

12.00 - 13.15

Final debate

Brief reports from the Thematic Sessions

- Ms. Ulla Tørnæs, Minister for Development Cooperation

- Mr. Søren Gade, Minister of Defence

Debate

Chair: Dr. Per Stig Møller, Minister for Foreign Affairs

13.15

Closing remarks

Ms. Gitte Lillelund Bech, MP and Chairman of the Danish
Parliament's Foreign Policy Committee